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A **AMENDMENT OF THE LAW OF LIBEL**
and
PRACTICE OF COMPTON OF COURT.

A PUBLIC MEETING
of the residents of the isolated boroughs of
PAUDINGTON, WATERLEY, and WOOLLAHRA
will be held on
FRIDAY NEXT, the 10th INSTANT, at 8 p.m., at
ST. MATTHIAS' HALL,
at which many influential persons will address the meeting.
The chair will be taken at 8 p.m.
By order of the Mayor of Woolлахра. **AMUEL STYMOND,**
Compt. Clerk.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the **PROTESTANT**
TANK on **WEDNESDAY**, October 1st, at 8 p.m., for the purpose
against the removal of the **Sydney Hospital** from its present
site.
The **Hon. JOHN SUTHERLAND** will preside & **MR.**
HAIGH A. ZLOTOWSKY, & **Hon. MR.**
M. J. MADDEN.

R **EFORM CLUB.**—Members are reminded that the
Adjourned Special General Meeting will be held this

PROTECTION AND Political Reform League MEET
 this October, NOT to meet. R. C. LUSCOMBE, Secretary
 4th Corner, N. E. C. COUNCIL.—The same
 TRADES and Laborers' Union, at the Royal
 Park Hotel, Elizabeth and Balmora streets, **SETH EVENING**
 September 27. 7.30. Tickets 50c. General Admission.
DRAPERS' EARLY CLOSING MOVEMENT.
 MONSTER
 PUBLIC MEETING
 under the auspices of the
 Drapers' Association of New South Wales,
 at the
 TOWN HALL, GLEBE,
 on
 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2.
 M. Chapman, Esq., M.L.A., Mayor of the borough,
 will preside.
 Ministers of various denominations and other gentlemen have
 been invited, and will take part in the proceedings.

Ladies specially invited.

Chair will be taken at 8 p.m. sharp.

THOS. CADY, Sec. Gen.

WARWICK C.C.—Special General MEETING will be held **THURSDAY EVENING**, the 27th September at **Arden Exchange Hotel**, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS: Submission of rules, &c.

J. RIGGS, Hon. Sec.

TESTIMONIAL TO JACOB GARRARD, Esq., M.P.

By a man

MEETING of Committee, THURSDAY, 8 o'clock, Town Hall, Balmston.

A large attendance requested.

JOHN STEWART, M.R. Soc.,
WILLIAM PARKER, Hon. Treasurer.

UNION RECREATION CLUB, Limited

The Annual MEETING of the members of the Club will be held at the Club Rooms, Burwood, on **WEDNESDAY, 26th October, 1884, at 5 p.m.** to consider the Annual Report, elect officers and members for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may come before the Club.

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NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKET ASSOCIATION.
The Adjourned Annual General Meeting will be held at the
Secordians on FRIDAY NEXT, at 8 o'clock.
Mr. Lumbus has given the following notice of motion:
"That Rule 2 be expurgated; and the following substituted therefor:
"The Association shall consist of all Clubs who are members of the
Committee, which shall consist of all Delegates from all Crickets
Clubs in New South Wales." The Committee have agreed to Mr.
Lumbus' proposal, and the following resolution was passed by the
New South Wales Cricket Association Ground, and one from the
Domain Cricket Ground.
Resolved, That the following notice of motion—"That the
Name be altered by the substitution of the words 'Thirty six
two's' in the words 'forty and two's'—be adopted."
DAVID W. GREGORY,

S**YDNEY** **H****OMING** **P****IGEON** **S****OCIETY**
A**NNUAL MEETINGS** will be held at **P. W. Beattie's**, for Election of Officers **at THURSDAY, 27th August, 1934, at 8.00 P.M.** **C. MATYEN** and **J. WRIGHT**, Hon. Secs.

S**YDNEY** **M****EAT-PRESERVING** **C****OMPANY**
N**OTICE** is hereby given that a **General Annual Meeting** of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at the **Company's Office, 111, Market Street, Sydney**, on **Wednesday, 29th October, 1934**, to consider and decide upon the following resolutions, or which the **J. B. HUNDIE, M.L.C.**, has given notice:

"That the directors be, and they are hereby empowered to purchase on account of the Company such shares in the Company as they in their discretion may resolve to buy."

By order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN B. C. MILES, Secretary.

More-street, Sydney, 24th August, 1934.

S**OUTH AUSTRALIAN QUARTZ-MINING** **C****OMPANY**

A Special General Meeting of Shareholders in the short notice Company will be held at the Shareholders' Office, Grosvenor Chambers, Adelaide, on MONDAY, the 8th of October next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to confirm the amalgamation with the Federation Gold-mining Company, No Liability.

WM. B. NEALIS, Manager

Adelaide, September 25, 1933.

JACKSON'S REEF GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.

A CALL, being the seventh of SEPTEMBER per share, on the contributing stock of the Company, is hereby made payable at the Company's Office, 312, George-street, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, 10th October, 1933.

By order of the B. MacDONNELL, Secretary.

Sydney, 26th September, 1933.

Calls on Shares.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN QUARTZ-MINING COMPANY, No Liability, Temora.

NOTICE.—A CALL One Shilling per share on all shares of the above-named Company, numbered from 10,000 to 15,000, but inclusive, has been made, and is payable at the Company's Office (Gresham-chambers, Adelaide, on **WEDNESDAY, 10th October 1883.**

WM. B. NEALES,
Manager.

Adelaide, September 22, 1883.

RICHMOND RIVER

There is **LIMMER, 400 tons**
Will leave Russell's Wharf
on **SATURDAY NEXT, at 2 p.m.**

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of preventing the infliction of too light penalties, yet without liability to enforce the infliction of excessive ones. As long as we have fallible Judges to preside over our Courts we must look for occasional anomalies, apparent or real, in the apportionment of punishment. But a fallible Judge, with all the facts before him, should be better able to deal with individual cases upon their merits than a fallible Legislature, which lays down general rules, and cannot foresee the varying circumstances to which they may have to be applied. However safe or desirable it may be, therefore, to say to the Judges, "This is the highest penalty you shall be allowed to inflict," it is not so clearly safe or desirable to deprive the Judges of power to inflict a nominal punishment where the law has perhaps been only technically broken.

Perhaps it will be said that where hardship occurs because the Judge has been deprived of discretion, the Executive can cure the evil by remitting part of the sentence. But in matters of this kind, as in many others, "prevention is better than cure." A wrong done in Court cannot be wholly remedied by the interference of the Executive, even so far as the sufferer by the wrong is concerned. And as to the public interest in the administration of justice, it is clearly undesirable that the action of the courts should require correction by the Government. In the suppression of crime, comparatively light sentences, faithfully carried into effect, are likely to have more influence than heavier ones with strong chances of remission. The actual working of the law cannot long be concealed. The criminal classes soon learn to trust to their chances, and to discount the sentences to which the law makes them liable. The right of interference by the Executive may be a necessary, but the presumption that it will be freely used to mitigate the severity of a law which ought to be amended, or as a customary check upon the action of the Courts, is a source of danger. The tendency of such practices would be to mix up together the functions of the Executive, the Legislature, and the Judiciary. And although in theory juries ought not to be influenced by the consideration of what sentence may follow a conviction, they are liable to be so when they see that the offender before them has been guilty of only a trivial offence, and that the Judge has no option but to pass a sentence of excessive severity if they return a verdict according to the evidence.

If Mr. Downe's visit to America results in an improvement in our tramway system, the Government will be able to take credit to itself for having permitted him to go so far afield. In the Civil service we have too many "poor unfeds," who "have never wing'd from view of the nest." There are, no doubt, many whose faculties would be freshened and sharpened by travel, and the outcome might be the birth of many mechanical inventions that would prove serviceable to our young colony. Mr. Downe has shown that it is not alone the prophet that lacks honour in his own country. He, an engineer, has lived amongst us long years, and to the multitude his name has been unknown. He is now on a visit to America, looking after the colony's interests in regard to its tramway system. His inventive faculties have been set in motion by keen observation and opportunities for comparison which his visit has afforded, and all this has led to the manufacture of an improved steam tramway motor, possessing not only "interesting and novel features," but which has been pronounced by competent authority to be far in advance of any motor yet invented. The thought of Mr. Downe's visit to America might never have heard of this triumph of engineering skill. He has improved even upon American ingenuity in the shape of mechanical invention, and both countries may therefore expect to profit by his originality. Most of the motors in use in this metropolis are constructed by the American Locomotive Company's works, New York. It was at those works that the improved motor was made, and it was the managing director of those works who pronounced so favourable an opinion respecting its merits. The success which Mr. Downe has achieved suggests the possibility of our improving in other directions by sending out our Civil servants to gather information from abroad. In connection with our tramways, for instance, we require not only good motors, but good management. And the same may be said of our railways, and perhaps other of our public works. And why should the Government not try to send out its own men, to visit to older countries the heads of those departments upon whose business knowledge and tact the public convenience and accommodation so largely depend? Some "interesting and valuable features" might, for instance, be introduced into our railway system. Mr. Downe has shown us that so far as tramway motors are concerned, we not only do not possess the best obtainable, but even by importation we should not have secured the attainable best, if he had not gone to America—that is, if the reports of a New York journal are to be relied upon as accurate. And who can say what public benefit might not result by enlarging the ideas of other public officials by a course of travel?

The Crown Law department of Victoria has prepared a memorandum upon "sweeps," which is chiefly noteworthy as an expression of weakness and inactivity. The Department is fully conscious of the evil influences of the sweeps, and of their effects upon the law as at once a social evil, but states plainly that, owing to the extraordinary cunning of the sweep promoters, and the difficulty of collecting evidence against them, successful prosecutions are practically impossible. To remedy this evil increased power is required, and to provide that power two bills are now before the Legislature. The first, introduced by Mr. HAZEL, proposes to make it penal for any person to send, exhibit, or publish any letter, telegram, placard, or advertisement relative to any sweep, &c. The other is in section 25 of the Post Office Bill, which gives power to the Postal Department to open all letters that may reasonably be suspected of containing matter, &c., addressed to any one being, or supposed to be, engaged in promoting a sweep, &c. It will be for the Legislature to choose between these two courses, and we imagine the choice will not be difficult. It is a very awkward and dangerous privilege to bestow upon the Postal Department, that of opening private letters, and is not reasonably suspected of containing illegal matter. English people have become habituated to a belief that their correspondence is practically sacred from interference while in the custody of the Postmaster-General, and to break down that belief would be to lessen confidence in the postal service, and open the way to serious and manifold abuses. Only a matter of grave national importance would justify such a course, and serious and manifold abuses and demoralising as the sweep matter is, it cannot be said to have yet assumed such a character as to justify such a measure. The stoppage of advertisements is a more reasonable, and would probably be a more reasonable course. Without advertisement publicity is impossible, and publicity is the one by which these swindlers draw their dupes. The stoppage of advertisements would, of course, apply to all sweep promoters—it would affect the evil and the cure. Even so there would not be much cause for regret. The most equitable distributions of the sort scatter seeds of gambling in the land, and sort proprietors who would serve the State much better in the most menial labour than in their present profitable but most demoralising

occupation. We may watch with interest the development of Victorian legislation in this matter, and may reasonably hope that our own lawmakers will emulate it without delay.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

FROM Paris we learn by cable that the public have been made acquainted with the result of the negotiations that have been going on during the last ten or twelve days between the Chinese Emperors, the Marquis Tseng, and the French Government. China proposes that France shall annex the whole of the Annamite territory from Cochinchina to the Red River, China to take possession of the remainder. Mr. Jules Ferry, on behalf of France, has put forward a claim to the whole of the delta.

The trial of O'Donnell for the murder of Carey is proceeding in London. Carey's family have arrived home, and the eldest son gave evidence on Tuesday against the prisoner. The County of Tyrone, in Ireland, is in an excited state that a force of police has been sent there to prevent rioting between the Parnellites and the Orangemen. At New York a lunatic Irishman fired into the British Consulate. He was speedily arrested.

The evidence given before the Board of Trade, so far, in regard to the sinking of the Austral in Port Jackson, goes to show that the cause of the mishap was in no way due to any fault of construction, but to neglect on the part of the officers.

In regard to affairs at Madagascar, our cable messages state that a bombardment of the Malagasy forts is now imminent. The Rev. Mr. Shaw, who was arrested by the French authorities at Madagascar, and kept prisoner for some time, is now in London. A great reception is to be accorded him to-day at Exeter Hall. He is advised to make a claim upon France of £10,000 for damages for wrongful detention.

MISCELLANEOUS items of news by cable report that the English press urge the Government to maintain a firm attitude towards France. Osetawo, it is said, is willing to surrender to the British. A serious railway accident is reported to have occurred in Roumelia. The casualties are heavy. According to the *Journal de St. Petersburg*, the Russian Government strongly disapproves of the constitution of the new Bulgarian Ministry. The Premier and Minister of War of Bulgaria have resigned their positions, foreseeing that measures of a dangerous character are likely to be introduced in consequence of the concessions made by Prince Alexander. An issue of £200,000 worth of City of Melbourne 4½ per cent. bonds is to be placed on the London market to-morrow.

A MEETING of the Cabinet was held yesterday in the Executive Council Chamber, and the sitting was a long one. The principal business which occupied the attention of Ministers was consideration of the measure introduced in the forthcoming Parliamentary session, and making the necessary arrangements for meeting the House on the 9th proximo.

We understand that Mr. Farnell is still seriously unwell, and that he is suffering from what his medical advisers describe as rheumatic gout in the head. He was taken ill in his office, and became so prostrated on his way home that he was unable to reach his house, and was obliged to remain at the residence of a relative. He will be quite unable to resume official work for several days, his medical attendants having prescribed absolute repose, and in the meantime the duties of his office will be discharged by the Hon. J. P. Abbott, Minister for Mines.

THE P. and O. Company's steamship *Misrapore*, with the English mails via Suva to August 24, arrived at Sydney yesterday. The mails on the Victorian gauge have been set in motion by the arrival of the *Misrapore*. The Sydney portion of her mails may be expected to reach here next Wednesday morning.

The Railway Department has determined to provide as speedily as possible for the direct transmission of goods between Albany and Melbourne—a traffic which has hitherto been much impeded by the transfer of goods at Wodonga. The rails on the Victorian gauge having now been laid right through the Albany station on to the platform adjoining the goods shed, there is no longer need for breaking the journey, and an officer of the Department was sent up to Albany to confer with the local Customs officers and with the Victorian officer at Wodonga, in order to arrange for the opening of the through traffic. The mails on the Victorian gauge goods trains shall arrive at and depart from the present goods shed, which will be made to do duty temporarily as a bonded store. Some officers formerly used by an officer of the Department at the passengers' station, will be utilised for the purposes of a temporary Customs house. A new goods shed will be built to the westward of the present station, with Customs offices, &c. It is expected that all arrangements will be completed in time to allow of traffic going through by 1st October.

A TELEGRAM has been received by the Colonial Secretary from the Agent-General, London, stating that the ship *York* sailed on the 22nd instant for Sydney, with 387 emigrants.

We notice a proclamation, dated the 18th September instant, which appeared in the *Government Gazette* of the 19th instant, prohibiting the importation of dogs into New South Wales from any country or colony other than those of Australia or New Zealand. This measure, we believe, has been taken with a view to prevent the introduction of hydrophobia into the country. We learn that a letter from the Colonial Secretary was addressed to the Government of Victoria, suggesting a six months' quarantine for dogs imported into the colony, and that the proposal is about to be carried out in that colony, and a six months' quarantine has been decided upon in South Australia. After consideration, it was found that the only course open in this colony was to absolutely prohibit their importation, as the law as it now stands does not admit of quarantine regulations being issued for dogs.

The hearing of the case of Greer v. Soling and others occupied the Chief Justice and a jury of five on Tuesday last. It was an action of ejectment to recover possession of 10 acres of land at Greenwich Point. The title was proved by deed up to 1848, after which the plaintiff claimed through a conveyance, dated 1852, from Mr. Gore, whose father was the original grantee from the Crown. But there was evidence to show that several persons on the land after that date paid out to Mr. Gore, and to the husband of one of the defendants. The jury returned a verdict, after a few minutes' consultation, for the defendants.

DESERTIC PACIFIC ASSURANCES, both Russia and Germany are keeping a careful watch on the military movements of each other. The latter Power (our Berlin correspondent) is drawing closer to some portions of the Russian frontier so that in case of a rupture she may not be taken by surprise. The Russian Government is about to carry out in that colony, and a six months' quarantine has been decided upon in South Australia. After consideration, it was found that the only course open in this colony was to absolutely prohibit their importation, as the law as it now stands does not admit of quarantine regulations being issued for dogs.

ONE of the most brilliant gatherings of the season was the wine given by Sir Patrick and Lady Jennings at the Sydney Lyceum, on Tuesday last. The performers included a large number of invitations, and only a few of the people asked found it impossible to attend, so that the assemblage was an imposing one. Lady Augusta Loftus, the Hon. Alexander Stuart, and other members of the Ministry, members of the House of Representatives, and other distinguished persons were present. The building was decorated as it was on the occasion of St. Vincent's Hospital Ball the previous night, the stage being lit up by electric arc lamps, the stage had been extended, and over it a sounding-board had been placed; but even these improvements failed to

remove the acoustic defects of the place, and the music generally was ineffective, while pianissimo passages were almost inaudible to those who sat further back than the fountain. After the concert came supper, during the progress of which the chairs were taken away, and the largest ballroom in Sydney was ready for use. Dancing was commenced about a dozen dances were carried out in a spirited style. No pains had been spared by Sir Patrick Jennings to ensure his guests an evening of unqualified pleasure, and the very complete arrangements he had made with that object were not made in vain.

A PUBLIC meeting to consider the desirability of petitioning the Legislature to amend the Law of the Contempt of Court was to have been held at the Town Hall, Balaclava, at 8 o'clock last evening, but, owing to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was so small that the Mayor (Mr. John Cameron) postponed the meeting till a future day. Amongst those present were Messrs. Garrard and Hutchinson, Mr. A. Alderman Pugh, Buchanan, Milne, and O'Leary, and Messrs. John Goodrich, Ellis Robinson, and W. R. Bevan.

A COMMITTEE of 20 local gentlemen has been appointed at Parramatta to carry out the arrangements for the presentation to Mr. Hugh Taylor, M.L.A., regarding the extension of the penny postage to that town.

YESTERDAY Mr. Hunt, of the Oxford Hotel, received the following telegram from the Aquatic Champion of the World, dated from New York:—"Will row for a purse of 1000 sovs. winner to receive all. Will require 300 sovs. for expenses." This has reference to a challenge made on behalf of Laycock. Laycock having met with a most unfortunate accident, in breaking his leg, will be unable to accept the offer.

THE Rev. Andrew Gardner, M.A., lectured in the Glebe Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening, taking for his subject, "An Evening among my Books." There was a very large attendance. The Rev. Robert Collier, F.R.S., occupied the chair, and introduced the lecturer in appropriate terms. Mr. Gardner reviewed the works of some of his favourite authors in a very interesting style. For more than an hour and a half he maintained the close attention of his audience, and many of his criticisms and illustrations were received with applause. At the close, on the motion of the Rev. R. S. Patterson, F.R.S., seconded by Mr. James Barnett, Colonial Architect, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Gardner for his lecture.

LAST evening the Rev. G. Sutherland redelivered his lecture on "The Creation" before a somewhat sparse audience in St. George's Church, Castlereagh-street. The chair was occupied by Mr. Pickett. The lecturer maintained that science supported the inspired words of Holy Writ, and that the Bible account of the creation of the world, so far from being antagonistic to the facts disclosed by science, was in full and complete harmony with them. He discarded what he termed the Rev. Mr. Spicer's "concessions."

A GENERAL meeting of the committee in connection with the Eight-hour Demonstration was held at Mr. McArthur's Hotel last night. There was a good attendance, and the chair was occupied by Mr. H. H. Brown. Amongst those present was the president of the Melbourne Bricklayers' Society. A letter was received from the Hon. W. B. Dalley, notifying his intention of accepting the invitation to be present at the banquet. A letter was received from Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan, suggesting that the meeting should be held at the Domain, and that the day of the fest, to sympathise with the butchers lately on strike at Glades Hill. Mr. White pointed out that the matter did not come within the province of the committee, and the idea was not adopted. It was decided to send the banners for the Newcastle celebration. The secretary was instructed to go to Parramatta to see to the arrangements for the demonstration. It was also decided to extend an invitation to the secretary of the Drapers' Association.

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THE annual meeting of the Cumberland Permanent Building, Land, and Investment Society was held on Tuesday night in the Masonic Hall, Parramatta. Mr. F. Beames presiding, when a satisfactory balance-sheet was received and adopted, and Messrs. Hugh Taylor, M.L.A., W. O. Stephenson, and T. Dixon were elected directors.

THE announcement that the trial of O'Donnell for the murder of Carey has commenced in London, has caused a statement current in Dublin, that there was little difficulty in the way of the Irishman in getting on the track of their man. It is stated that Carey caused the greatest anxiety to the Government and to those in charge of his person when leaving Ireland by his extreme nervousness, and that he was somewhat like a touch of insanity in it. He insisted upon meeting into conversation with strangers in the railway carriage which he occupied when travelling to Dartmouth, and made the most injudicious remarks on various occasions. It is added that the officer accompanying him was compelled to desire him not to converse with any one, and that he was extremely nervous. Once on board the *Kilnabeg Castle* he requested to be provided with a revolver for self-defence. This was acceded to, and more than once in sight of the passengers he produced the weapon, boasting that he would use it with effect and rapidly in case an attack were made upon him.

THE annual picnic of the Railway employees took place at Sir Joseph Banks House yesterday. The affair was in every way a great success. At the dinner the chair was taken by Mr. W. V. Read, the Traffic Manager, and some interesting speeches were made, a report of which appears in another column.

THE following are the correct statistics given by the Rev. Dr. Steel in his speech on Tuesday evening:—Matriculated students in four English Universities in 1892 were 2081, or 1 in 4270 of the population of England; in four Scottish Universities, 6612, or 1 in 564 of the population; in Norway, 900, out of a population of less than two millions; in Sweden, 15,000, out of eight millions; in Germany, in 1889, there were 47,000, out of 40,000,000.

A MAN named Francis Dickens, who appeared to be about 63 years of age, narrowly escaped being drowned at the wharf at the foot of Rokeby-street last evening. He went on board the *7:30* boat, and was seen standing, to proceed to Mott's Dock. The steamer coast off the wharf at 20 minutes past 7 o'clock, and immediately afterwards a passenger named Henry Hayes noticed a man struggling in the water. Hayes pluckily leapt into the water and rescued the man from drowning. Some restorative were given to the man, who was then taken to hospital, where he received medical treatment. It is to be hoped that the gallant conduct of Hayes, who is a boatman to the Colonial Architect, will not go unrewarded by the Humane Society.

A LITTLE girl, named Agnes Emily Biron, was suffocated at Ultimo yesterday, through accidentally falling into a tank. The child was only about 18 months old. A man named Charles Joseph Stoddart, 40 years of age, died suddenly at his residence, at Paddington, yesterday afternoon. A report has been forwarded to the City Coroner respecting both cases, and the inquests upon the bodies will probably be held to-day.

A VERY sudden death occurred in Pitt-street at an early hour yesterday morning. It appears that Mr. George Robertson, son of Mr. Robertson, coachbuilder, Pitt-street, was running to catch the Randwick train about 6 o'clock, when he dropped dead in Cleveland-street. His body was subsequently picked up and removed to the South Sydney morgue, and a report of the accident was forwarded to the City Coroner, who held an inquest on the body yesterday afternoon. When the jury found that death had resulted from natural causes. The deceased was 40 years of age and had left a wife and six children who reside at Waterloo.

In justification of an interchange of pulpits among Protestant divines, the Bishop of Melbourne, in his

address to the clergy and laity at the Church Assembly, said:—"There was nothing, as it seemed to me, in the law of the Church of England, as interpreted by the best actions of her most illustrious sons, to prevent our asking well-known ministers of other denominations to exercise amongst us occasionally the ministry of the prophet or teacher. I was not alone in that opinion. In our Prayer-book we are directed to ask God 'to give us grace to take seriously to heart the great danger we are in by unhappy divisions,' and have striven, at every Church congress which has been held at home, to devise means whereby they might be diminished. The question has been more and more liberal concessions are being advocated. At the last English Congress, its president, the Bishop of Lichfield, congratulated his brethren that they had been trying to find not merely a *modus vivendi*, but a *modus operandi*, with Nonconformity. Among the measures recommended at that congress, establishing such of the organs of the following by the present Bishop of Nelson:—"We are surely allowed, and even invited them (the Nonconformists) under proper restrictions, to preach in our churches, as we in theirs, the incumbent requesting leave for such individuals as he is willing to be responsible for from the Bishop of the diocese. Precisely this which the Bishop of Nelson recommended was done in the case with which you are acquainted."

THE U.S. Bureau of Education has (we learn from *Science*) just published a circular of information, containing the results of an inquiry into the effects of co-educating the sexes in 340 cities and large towns of the Union. Of these 321 practices co-education through out the Public school system, 17 co-education for part of the course, and 5 separate co-education for the whole of the course. The circular is addressed for co-education enables the editor to formulate them as follows:—"Co-education of the sexes is preferred where practiced, because it (1) natural, following the usual structure of the family and of society; (2) customary, or in harmony with the habits and sentiments of everyday life and law; (3) impartial, affording to both sexes equal opportunities for culture; (4) economical, using school funds to the best advantage; (5) convenient both to superintendents and teachers in assigning, grading, instruction, and discipline; and (6) beneficial to the minds, morals, habits, and development of the pupils. The pamphlet concludes by observing that "the general instruction of girls, and the common employment of male and female public school depend, to a very great degree, on the prevalence of co-education, and that a general discontinuance of it would entail either much increased expense for additional buildings and teachers, or a withdrawal of educational privileges from the future women and mothers of the nation."

THE Duke of Albany (says *Truth*) has always occupied rooms at Buckingham Palace, but when the Duke of Devonshire was ejected from his suite, and was placed in smaller rooms in an upper floor, an arrangement which necessitated the construction of a lift for his accommodation, which spoilt the hall, and cost nearly £1500.

THE *Gazette Diplomatique* publishes a long article on the relations between Russia and France. The article concludes:—"The fact is that these two countries, instead of approaching each other, have separated more and more since 1878. However, the logical conclusion of what we have stated is evidently this, that it is time for France, as well as for Russia, to cease playing the game of others and to take the first opportunity of putting a stop, by means of a cordial and solid understanding, to a long series of deplorable misunderstandings. Whenever an attempt is made to bring about a rapprochement between Russia and France, it is taken place Europe has been deeply impressed. This proves clearly the opportunities of a Franco-Russian alliance. Beside this the efforts made to disunite the two countries ought to prove the necessity for powerful efforts to bring about an alliance in spite of contrary influences."

THE Lords of the Committee of Council on Education have (says *Truth*) stated the addition of Hygiene to the list of sciences towards instruction in which aid is afforded by the Science and Art Department. The following is the syllabus of the subject:—Elementary stage: (1) food, diet, and cooking; (2) water and beverages; (3) air; (4) removal of waste and impurities; (5) shelter and warming; (6) local conditions; (7) personal hygiene; (8) treatment of slight wounds and accidents. Advanced stage: (1) food and adulterations; (2) water and beverages; (3) examination of air—chemical and microscopical; (4) removal of waste and impurities; (5) shelter and warming; (6) local conditions; (7) personal hygiene; (8) prevention of disease. Honours: In addition to the topics enumerated under the elementary and advanced stages, questions will be set on the following subjects:—Trade sanitation, vital statistics, sanitary law.

THE City Band will perform in the Domain this afternoon at 3.30.

THE VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS IN THE STRAITS OF SUNDA.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)
(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

THE latest news from Batavia states that an extent of some 80 miles of country complete darkness is the consequence of the recent eruptions in the Straits of Sunda. White ashes fall all over the city and at Cheribon. During the night all the galleys were extinguished, and in the day time lamps had to be lit. The sea rose to such a height in the Straits of Sunda that it totally swept over the *Tejagiri*, *Tyergiri*, and *Telich Betung*. The boats which were in the bay, and which carried away bridges, and destroyed several Malay villages. All the boats on the coast were completely destroyed or carried far inland. All the light-houses in the Straits have disappeared, and the island Krakatoa has been rent into pieces by the strength of the volcanic action, and has sunk into the sea. The charts of the Straits are no longer trustworthy, as the bottom of the channel has entirely changed. Between the islands of Krakatoa and Obies 16 volcanoes have appeared. The island Senggaran has split into five islands. Batavia has been made an ashly desert. The cattle are dying for want of food, and a famine appears to be imminent. The residents are in despair. The volcanic action is no longer trustworthy, as the bottom of the channel has entirely changed. Between the islands of Krakatoa and Obies 16 volcanoes have appeared. The island Senggaran has split into five islands. Batavia has been made an ashly desert. The cattle are dying for want of food, and a famine appears to be imminent. The residents are in despair.

A telegram has been received by the Governor of Singapore from the British Consul at Batavia, it being as follows:—"In consequence of the volcanic action, the configuration of Sunda Straits and the southern entrance thereto has been changed. The islands of Krakatoa and Obies have disappeared, and the islands of Senggaran, and the islands of the Straits, have been destroyed, and probably other light-houses in the neighbourhood have been damaged. A survey is proceeding. Recommended measures to be taken:—At Anjer on the Sunday evening strong detonations were heard and felt. The sea rose and fell three feet at intervals of from 10 to 15 minutes. Six distinct shocks of earthquake were felt during the night, and early on the following morning a high column of water struck the land with a roaring noise. An hour later there was another of the same sort, still higher, causing great destruction of life and property. During the night of the 27th August strong detonations from Krakatoa were heard at Soerabaja and flashes of the volcano fire were visible at Batavia. At 12 noon Serang was in total darkness, and stones were falling all over the town. Numerous villages near Anjer were washed away. It was almost dark at Batavia, and telegraphic communication with Anjer was interrupted, owing to the telegraph line being down. The river channel, through the rush of the rain, was shut. All the shops and offices were closed, and business was suspended. The telegraph inspector at Java reports that, while trying to repair the line between Serang and Anjer he saw a high column of the sea approaching with a roaring noise. He fled inland, but believes that Anjer was destroyed. At Batavia, at noon, on the 28th August, everything was quiet. The sea was calm, and the temperature down 10 degrees, and quite chilly towards nightfall. 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will sell by auction at their
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 CASES, Silver Casing, Hair Brushes, Hair Brushes,
 Combs, and Aluminum, Paper Boxes,
 TOILET AND DRESSING CASES, Xylophone Combs, Tooth
 Brushes, Small Tooth Combs, Soap Boxes, Boxwood Nail Brushes,
 Ladies' White and Hairbrush Extra Long Hair, Soap Boxes,
 White Combs,
 TABLE CLOTHS, NAPKINS, MEN'S COLOURED FELT HATS
 Ladies' Corset Needles, Children's Toys, Toys, Toys,
 Need Boxes, Olive Wood, Photo, Frames, Albums,
 SHOE BRUSHES, CUTS, MUGS, JUGS, CANDLES, STICKERS,
 TOILET SETS,
 HUNTING AND RIDING VESTS, COBBLER CASES,
 FANS,
 Dog Collars, Gilt Frame Mirrors, Fancy Frames,
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